

COUNCIL CHECKS AUTO FIRE EQUIPMENT DEAL UP TO VOTERS IN APRIL

Much Discussion Arises in Meeting on
Motion of Hayes; Welborne Points
Out Law; Chief Gattis and
Others are Heard

SAFETY ON STREETS AGAIN CONSIDERED

New Ordinance Governing Traffic Will Be
Drafted; Chief Says He Will Show
No Favors; Change in Street
Lights Proposed

The Chickasha city council met in regular semi-monthly session, in the council chamber of the city hall, at 7:30 o'clock yesterday evening, Mayor Coffman presiding.

Clerk Reynolds called the roll with present, Hayes, Caneman, Linn, Lorenzen, Neal, McKay, Dubose; absent, Cavett. Cavett, coming in later was placed on roll call as present.

City officers present in addition to mayor and members of the council were, City Clerk Reynolds, Treasurer Clark, Health Officer Dawson, Street Commissioner Beets, Police Chief Phillips, Fire Chief Gattis; absent, Water Commissioner Scrimager.

Manager Shaffer of the electric lighting people, appeared before the council and asked permission to change the lighting system on the western electric circuits from arc to incandescent lights.

Mr. Shaffer stated that his company had done everything possible to give good service, but could not give the citizens the service they had a right to expect and demand, while using the arc lights. He stated that his company had installed a sample light at the corner of Sixth street and Colorado avenue; that this light was one of the improved street lighting incandescents; that he would like for the proper committee to inspect this light and take immediate action; that he had assured no delay would be experienced in getting the new lights to Chickasha; that the change from the arcs to the incandescent would be made and the lights cut in within one day's time after the shipment of incandescent lights arrived in Chickasha.

On motion of Councilman Hayes the sanction of the council was asked to the change. On motion of Councilman Caneman, property seconded, the matter was referred to the proper committee with power to act.

Councilman Hayes, securing the floor, read from the report of Fire Chief Gattis the recommendation that the city authorize the purchase of additional fire equipment. The report recommended the purchase of a modern motor truck equipped with automatic pumping engines and chemical extinguisher containers. (In the event of failure to purchase such equipment the report recommended and urged the purchase of another fire team, supplementing and taking the place of the greys, who have seen sixteen years' service and are past their days of usefulness as fire horses.)

Councilman Hayes supplemented his reading of Chief Gattis' report with a statement that he and a number of others, members of the city council, had recently visited El Reno and witnessed the test given the new auto pumping truck purchased by the council of that city. Following these remarks, Councilman Hayes offered a resolution authorizing the purchase by the city of a fire-fighting auto truck.

And then the scenes and the noises which made Babylon famous long before the days of Milwaukee, broke loose. Every member of the city council had something to say at the same time and approximately half of the visitors present suffered with the same ailment.

Mayor Coffman called upon Judge Welborne, who was present, to express his views on the subject.

Judge Welborne said, in part, that he realized the need of the city of Chickasha for more adequate and modern fire-fighting apparatus, but that he believed it behooved the mayor and the members of the council to act well within the provisions of the law in the manner in which the same should be purchased. The

speaker said that the law was explicit in stating all such purchases could only be made and paid for after three-fifths of the qualified voters of a city should have passed upon the proposition at the polls; he urged that Ryan and Ardmore had at one time stepped behind the pale of legality in the matter of purchasing equipment and that the supreme court of Oklahoma had upheld the statute governing such cases. "Understand me," concluded Judge Welborne, "I am not opposing the matter of the purchase of modern and auto fire equipment. I believe the measure will carry when submitted to the vote of the people—in fact, I expect I will vote for the measure myself, but the safety first principle in this case demands that the council (Continued on Page Two.)

DISORDER IN MEXICO GROWING

By United Press.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 11.—Increasing lawlessness in Northern Mexico is reported by advices reaching here. Confirmation of the murder of Guy Johnson, an American, has also been received. Johnson, it is reported, killed five Mexican bandits in a battle near Minaca before he himself was slain.

Villa and his small band, who were reported to have killed several men and carried off women in a raid at San Juan, are said to be threatening the Mexican railway a hundred miles south of Juarez.

Bandits are pillaging ranches within 25 miles of the Chihuahua and Durango state capitals. The bands operating in Durango are said to include men who participated in the Santa Ysabel massacre.

TWO STOCKS OF GOODS ARE SOLD

The stocks of gold held at Chickasha and at Hastings by H. A. Gerstenfeld, a bankrupt, were sold today in Chickasha, being bought by T. W. Coverdale of Oklahoma City. The price paid was approximately \$7,000. Mr. Coverdale will put the stocks from both places on sale in the store room formerly occupied by Mr. Gerstenfeld as the Leader, on Chickasha avenue.

Mr. Coverdale owns and operates two stores in Oklahoma City and one in Tulsa and will, following the disposal of the bankrupt stocks bought today, continue in business in Chickasha. It is understood that Mr. Coverdale intends to open up a full and complete line in Chickasha, making this one of his largest stores.

POISONING OF GUESTS PROBED

By United Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Officials are investigating the poisoning of one hundred distinguished guests at a banquet that was given in honor of Bishop Mundelein last night.

The possibility of ptomaine is admitted and officers also say a practical joker may have been responsible for it. None of the victims are in a serious condition.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma.

During twenty-four hours ending 8 a. m. today:

Tonight, cloudy, rain in eastern portion, colder in west; Saturday, fair and colder.

Local Temperature.
Maximum, 58 degrees.
Minimum, 37 degrees.

EDISON AND HIS OLDEST EMPLOYEE



Thomas A. Edison photographed with John Ott, who has been in the employ of the famous inventor longer than any other man—forty-six years.

GAS FRANCHISE TO BE CONSIDERED SATURDAY

At the council meeting last night, Mayor Coffman stated that he had held a telephonic conversation with one of the parties seeking a franchise in Chickasha to furnish natural gas; that the party had stated it would be impossible for proper representatives of his company to appear last night; that a franchise was now being drafted along lines suggested by the company's representative; that this franchise would probably be completed, in drafting, during the next few hours; that as soon as the same was drafted representatives of the company would come to Chickasha and that the request had been made that the present meeting of the council adjourn, or recess over to Saturday evening at which time representatives of the company would be in Chickasha to meet with them.

Mayor Coffman further alleged that he had asked certain Chickasha bankers regarding the standing in the financial world of parties who are seeking the franchise, and that the rating of A No. 1, had been given them.

No further business appearing, upon motion of Councilman Caneman, seconded by Councilman Linn, council stood recessed until Saturday evening unless sooner convened by call of the mayor.

Councilman Cavett, chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, reported that the owner of the building had given the committee to understand that the building was his domicile, his castle, and that he proposed to protect his residence therein. Councilman Cavett suggested that the floor of the building was in an unsanitary condition and stated that with the same properly cleaned the danger from fire would be reduced to a possible minimum. On motion of Councilman Caneman, seconded by Councilman Lorenzen, Linn and McKay, Councilman Cavett was instructed to see that the floor in question be cleaned.

Councilman Cavett, earlier in the evening, provided a slight vaudeville by forgetting where he stood on his own motion and refusing to vote. Later, Councilman Hayes having constituted himself a committee of one in the matter of instructing in parliamentary rules and usages, Councilman Cavett stated he desired to vote on the measure and voted "Aye."

CRUEL WAR IS NOW ON

Judging from the appearance of the police court docket this morning, the "war is on." The "Big Chief," it seems has talked and given out interviews and borne with patience the speeding and jaying bug which seems to have bitten the auto public of Chickasha, with the idea of permeating the back part of his head that the traffic ordinances would, in course of time, be observed; until at last he found, seemingly, that patience sometimes ceases to be a virtue and, like unto the fabled worm, has turned.

This morning's police record of "fines and punishments" carries the following information: Howell, cutting corners, fine \$5; Baile, jay cutting, fine \$5; Johnson, cutting corners, fine \$5; Berry, cutting corners, fine \$5; Thorne, cutting corners, fine \$5; Merrell, cutting corners, fine \$5; Wagoner, speeding, fine \$5; Olive, speeding, fine \$5.

"Five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, forty, forty bones. Call the next case Sergeant Looney?"

ARRAIGNED FOR GAMING.

Harry Black, under indictment on charges of gaming was arraigned in the county court yesterday afternoon and held to answer in bonds in the sum of \$150. Furnishing bond the defendant was released for his appearance before Judge Davenport on the 15th day of February.

NO EFFECT ON ARMY PROGRAM

Chairman Hay Declares Military Reorganization Will Proceed Regardless of Resignation of Secretary Garrison Who Disagreed with President

SUCCESSOR TO BE SELECTED SOON

Announcement is Expected Within Twenty-Four Hours; Many Notable Names Suggested; Col. Goethals Not Considered for Place

HE CAN'T CONCEIVE
OF SUCH A THING.

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Former Secretary of War Garrison, in the first statement he has issued since he resigned, says he has retired from politics. He says he "could not conceive of taking the stump against Wilson."

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—"Garrison's resignation will have no effect on congress."

This was the declaration today of Chairman Hay of the house committee on military affairs.

Hay's committee was the storm center in the controversy which caused the summary withdrawal of Garrison from the cabinet.

Chairman Hay would not discuss the disputes affecting himself and Garrison, but he said the committee would go ahead with its own program of army reorganization.

Announcement of the appointment of the successor of Garrison may be made within 24 hours. It is certain that he will be a Democrat. This information comes from the White House.

Those close to the president declare that no man thus far mentioned will be given the portfolio. The president has decided, however, that political and legislative necessity requires the prompt filling of the vacancy.

A score of Democratic notables have been mentioned in the gossip regarding the place. Prominent among them are Secretary Lane, Henry Pin-dall, the Peoria editor; Congressman Sherley of Kentucky, Assistant Secretary of Navy Roosevelt, former Governor Walsh of Massachusetts, former Governor Harmon of Ohio and former Governor Adams of Colorado.

It can be authoritatively stated that Col. Goethals is not being considered. The next secretary must be a man who can work with Chairman Hay, it is asserted on authority.

The question of a successor to Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who resigned in sympathy with his chief, will also probably be settled soon.

President Wilson today issued an order designating Major General Scott, chief of staff, to act as secretary of war for a "period not to exceed thirty days or until his successor is appointed and qualified."

The resignation of Secretary Garrison was announced late yesterday. The reason given was the refusal of the president to "irrevocably" support the continental army plan to which the secretary of war was committed and opposition of Garrison to the plan of setting a definite date for granting independence to the Philippines.

The resignation of both Garrison and Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge were accepted by the president.

The circumstances which led up to the resignation are declared in the secretary's correspondence with the president which was made public Thursday night by the White House. The president, the letters disclose, believes that the traveling, organization and control of a military reserve should be under immediate federal direction, but is not "irrevocably or dogmatically committed to any one plan."

He wrote Mr. Garrison that he could not force any specific plan on con-

gress and added:

"I must welcome a frank interchange of views and a patient and thorough comparison of all the methods proposed for obtaining the objects we all have in view."

Mr. Garrison's contentions that only the plans of the war department could be considered seemed to the president "wholly unjustifiable." Mr. Garrison considered "reliance upon the militia for national defense an unjustifiable and imperiling of the nation's safety." In resigning he wrote the president:

"It is evident that we hopelessly disagree upon what I conceive to be fundamental principles."

NEW MOVE FOR PEACE IS STARTED

Neutrals Meet at Berne to Formulate Proposals; Armistice for Two Weeks to Be Sought Before Spring Campaign is Opened

By United Press.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—The first definite move to end the war was made here today when a permanent committee to establish lasting peace met to formulate proposals for an armistice, with peace advocates from several neutral countries present.

The committee hopes to obtain the consent of the belligerents for an armistice of at least two weeks before the spring campaigns bring fresh slaughter. It is believed that if the guns are once silenced the fighting will never be renewed.

If the plans for bringing about a truce fail, the committee hopes to suggest a program for eliminating the more horrible features of war, including air raids on cities behind the lines.

Prince von Buelow, Prince Hohenlo and Baron von Kraft have arrived at Lucerne. It is reported that they are in touch with the peace movement here.

ASK PROBE OF LEASES

By United Press.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 11.—Prominent members of the Osage tribe of Indians here today sent a strong protest to Oklahoma and Kansas congressmen, asking them to take immediate steps to investigate the affairs of the tribe concerning the Barnsdall oil leases.

The Indians also ask for a probe of the influences behind the resolution passed by the senate yesterday, allowing an extension of the Barnsdall leases contrary to the recommendations of the tribal council and secretary of interior.

LEADER OF MONTENEGRINS



This is General Martinovich, the astute military leader of the Montenegrins who opposed the plan of surrendering to the Austrians and took command of the troops that sought to make their way to safety through Albania.

LINDSEY IS LAUNCHING CAMPAIGN

Former Member of Ford Party is Enthusiastic Over Plans to Find Homes for Children Made Orphans by Conflict

SUGGESTS RAISING FUND OF 50 MILLIONS

Thinks Men Who Make Money Out of Munitions Should Aid in Repairing Ravages of War; Europe Would Welcome Move

By CHARLES P. STEWART.
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THE HAGUE, Jan. 20.—(By Mail.)—Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver has split off from what is left of the Ford party to start a war relief campaign of his own. The judge went into detail about the plan today. Originally it was Mrs. Lindsey's idea but the judge has made it also his and they will push it together. The Lindseys' proposition is to find homes for war orphans.

Incidentally they hope to find an opportunity to develop a movement toward ending the war itself. Quite frankly, they came with the Ford party mainly in the hope that association with Ford would give them an opportunity to interest the automobile maker in their enterprise.

"The end of the Napoleonic wars found countless thousands of orphans in institutions," says the judge, "doomed to grow up without home influence, alone in the world, often ill-treated and under circumstances generally which could not but dwarf development and embitter their lives. The present war is so much greater that the situation must be still worse unless remedial steps are taken on a huge scale."

"Already it is terrible. The stories I have heard are almost beyond belief, yet most of them undoubtedly are true. As I have not yet been able to verify individual cases I am not ready to give them out, but my first work will be to compile a long list of them, fully authenticated, as proof of the necessity for a vast home-finding campaign."

The Lindseys will seek funds wherever they are to be had, but it is to American munition makers, as the war's chief beneficiaries, that they look for their biggest contributions.

"I have never agreed," says the judge, "with those who think our munition makers have done wrong. It's my view that so long as there was a war, they had a right to sell their product to anyone who wanted it. However, I do feel sure under the circumstances that they will be glad to give freely to help the orphans the war has made."

Fifty million dollars is the sum Judge Lindsey suggests tentatively as an adequate fund for the home-finding plan.

"Probably it will take two or three years," he admits, "to raise so much, but it ought to be possible to raise enough for a start on a large scale within, say, six months. Naturally our work will lead us into relations with the belligerent governments and I think it more than likely we may thus find an opportunity to make peace suggestions. It must be taken into consideration that we will engage in a concrete good work, which the government unquestionably will appreciate, so we shall not be on the same footing as the present expedition."

"Clearly, too, it is a move the warring countries must welcome, for with the terrible burden of taxation they will have to bear after the war it will be impossible for them to do much relief work of their own."

"The belligerents would never consent to the transfer of large numbers of their children to other lands, nor would it be for the good of the children or of the world at large. Where possible the aim must be to help war widows keep their children together. For little ones who have lost both fathers and mothers, homes must be found in other families. There will have to be close supervision, that we may be sure our wards are well cared